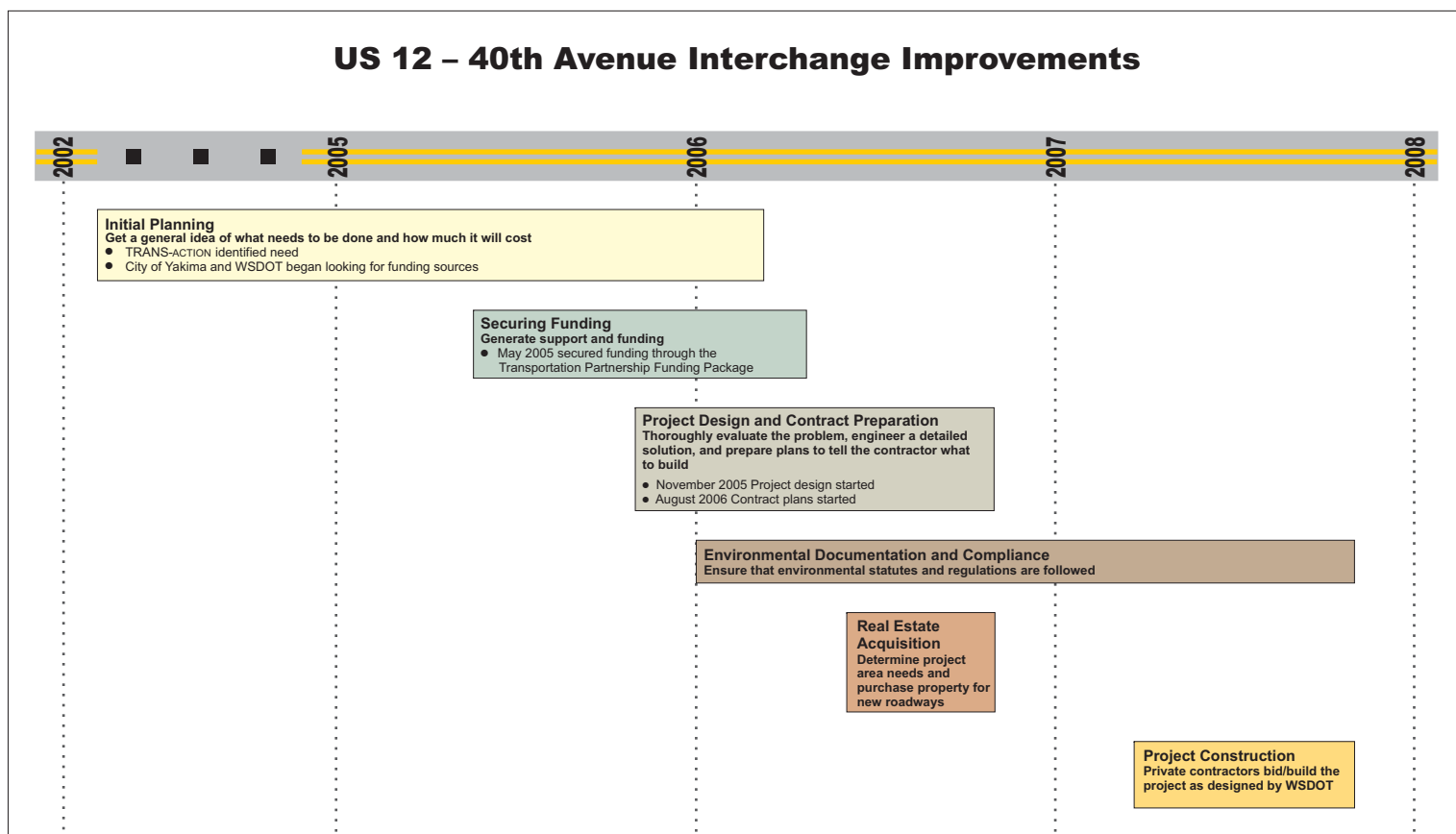




TRANS-ACTION, a coalition of elected officials and business and community leaders, has endorsed this project as an important local transportation improvement.

WSDOT is coordinating with the City of Yakima, Yakima County & the Greenway Path officials on design elements for this project.

US 12 – 40th Avenue Interchange Improvements



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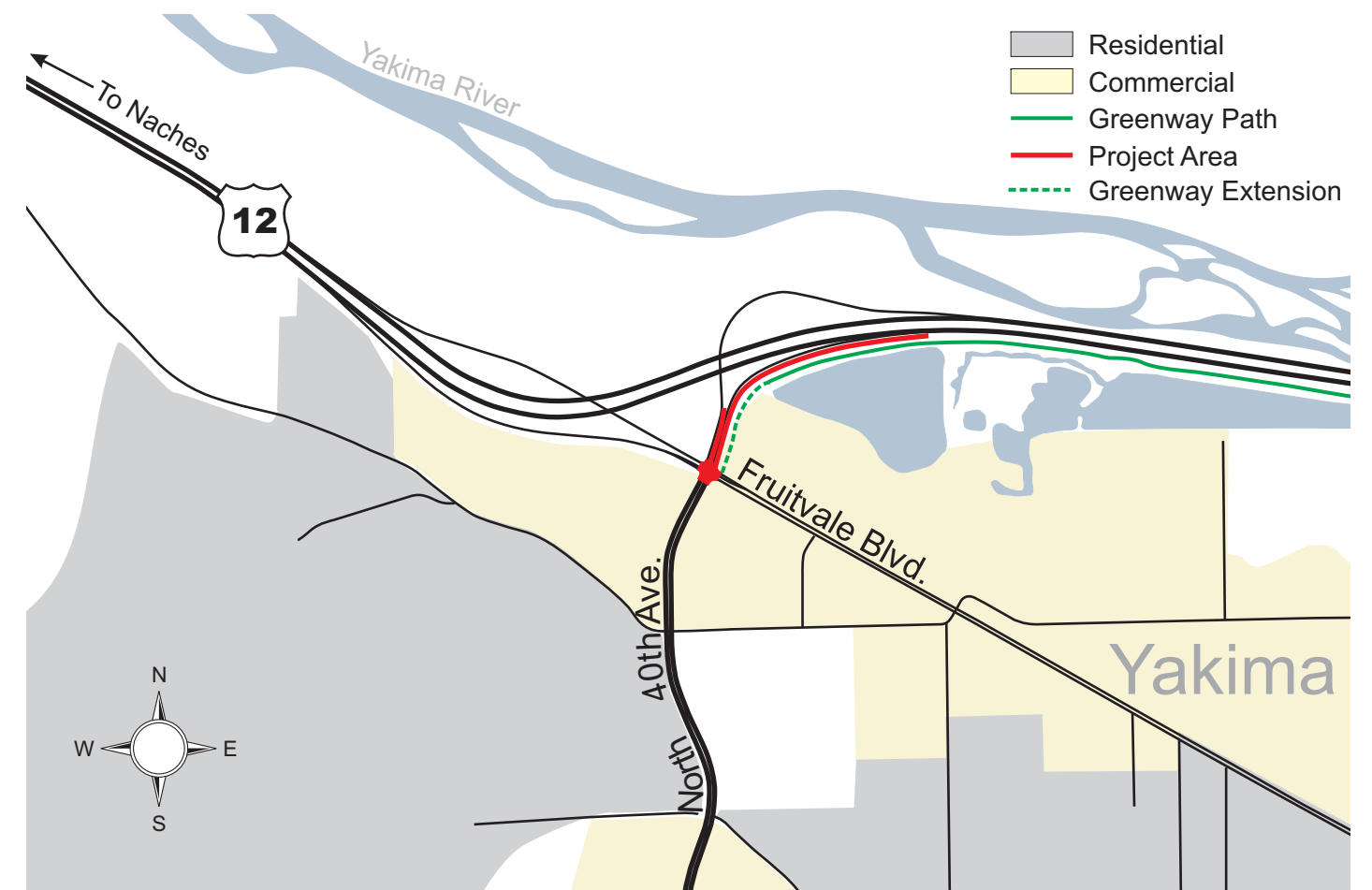
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US 12 – 40th Avenue Interchange Improvements



Why is WSDOT improving the interchange?

The interchange area experiences long traffic delays and heavy congestion during peak travel hours resulting in accidents and substantial back-ups. Increasing safety is one of our priorities.

Who uses the 40th Avenue interchange?

The 40th Avenue Interchange serves as an important link for transportation in the Upper Yakima Valley, especially the airport and industrial areas. This interchange also connects Fruitvale Boulevard (old US 12), a light industrial and commercial area, to the City of Yakima.

What changes will we see?

This project will provide a second lane for the eastbound on-ramp, more efficient signal phasing, and improved connections between the Greenway Path and local bike and pedestrian pathways. These improvements will reduce the number of accidents, improve traffic mobility and efficiency, and encourage commercial and industrial development in this area.

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This project is funded in part by the 2005 Transportation Partnership Funding Package. The main source of funding is a 9.5¢ increase in the gas tax, phased in over four years. The package also includes a new vehicle weight fee and increases in other license fees and charges.

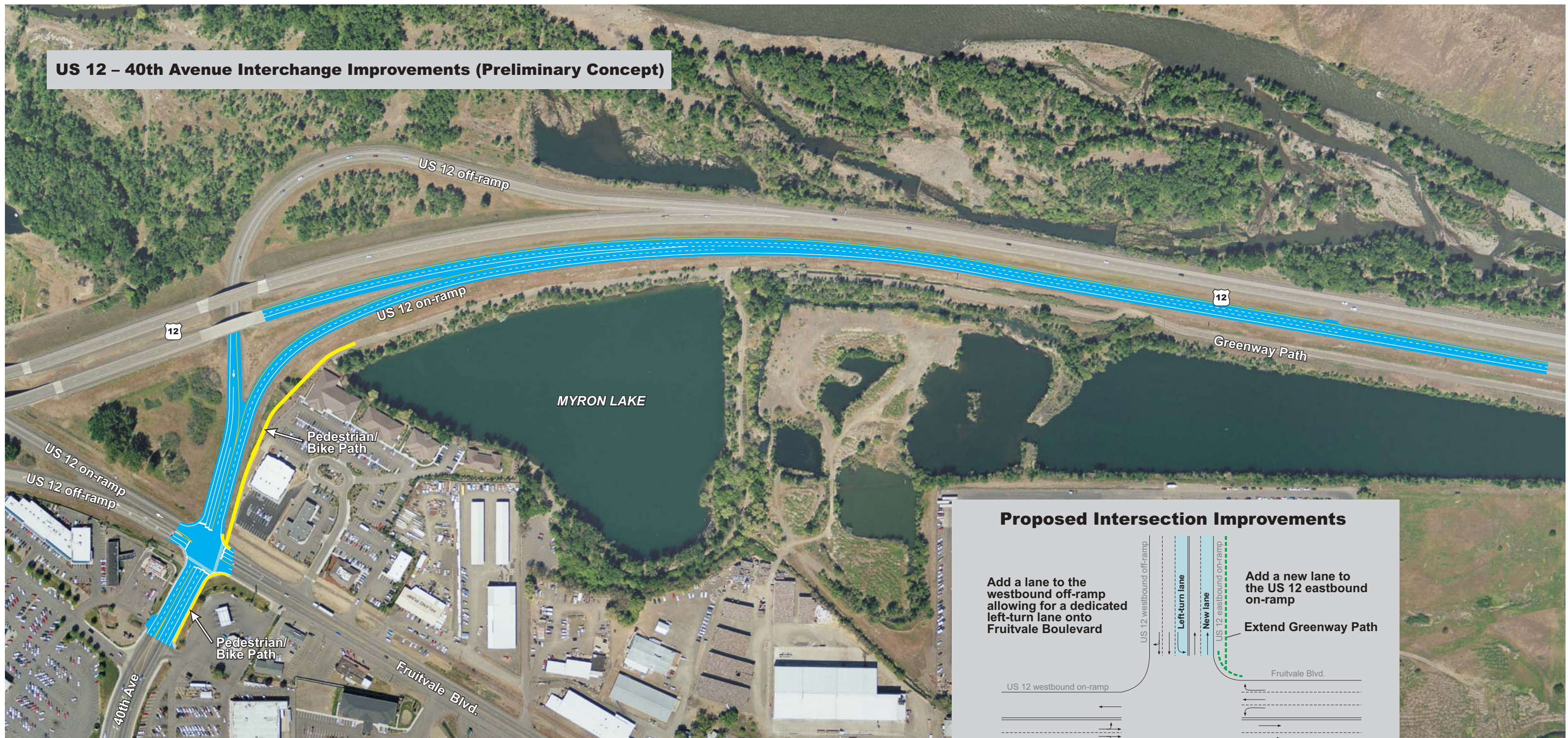
Estimated Total Project Cost

\$2.2 million (Includes engineering, right of way, and construction costs)

Project Timeline

Start Design: Fall 2005
Start Construction: Spring 2007

US 12 – 40th Avenue Interchange Improvements (Preliminary Concept)



Project Benefits

- **Safety.** Unsafe conditions due to traffic delays and long back-ups will be minimized with the construction of a second eastbound on-ramp on US 12. Improved traffic flow in this area will reduce accidents related to congestion and impatient drivers.
- **Economic Vitality.** Local community and business leaders have endorsed this project. Heavy rush hour congestion and limited access discourage industrial and commercial development. Increasing capacity and improving traffic efficiency will encourage economic growth and development for Yakima.
- **Congestion Relief.** Limited capacity at this US 12 access point creates a chokepoint. This improvement reduces congestion and provides better access on and off US 12. Lengthy vehicle back-ups will be reduced.
- **Health/Environment.** Access to the local ten-mile recreational Greenway Path will be improved. Currently, trail use is restricted to 300 feet from the intersection as a result of development. The Greenway Path will extend from 40th Avenue to Naches along US 12.

Proposed Intersection Improvements

Add a lane to the westbound off-ramp allowing for a dedicated left-turn lane onto Fruitvale Boulevard

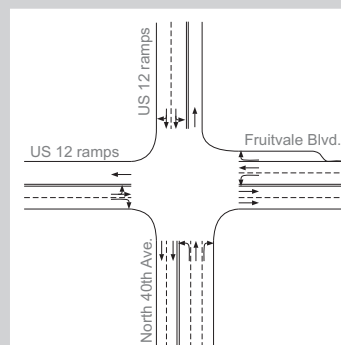
Add a new lane to the US 12 eastbound on-ramp

Extend Greenway Path

Fruitvale Blvd.

Add a right-turn lane to allow a second through lane for accessing the US 12 eastbound on-ramp from 40th Avenue

Pedestrian/Bike Path



Current Intersection configuration